

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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SWADESHI PLANK
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have lately reviewed and revised its Swadeshi plank;
- (b) if so, the revised Government policy regarding prioritisation and promotion of Swadeshi; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken in this regard during the ensuing years under the Ninth Five-Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) The Swadeshi approach, which emphasizes on self-reliance, is to be viewed in the dynamic context of a changing world order. Although the SSI sector has developed core competence internationally in a few segments, Government would encourage technology upgradation in all areas so that the Small Scale Industries can thrive in the face of increasing competition, both domestically and internationally. The Ninth Plan strategy, inter-alia, includes technology upgradation, improved supply of credit, skill upgradation, strengthening of infrastructure and market development.